GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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LESS WAGES TO LABORERS UNDER NREGA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)Whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the laborers working under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act are getting less amount of wages than fixed by the Government due to prevalent corruption therein ;

(b)Whether the Government proposes to take any steps to save the laborers working under it; and

(c) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) No, Sir.

(b)&(c): In accordance with Section 6(1) of National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005, Central Government may, by notification, specify the wage rate for the purposes of the Act provided that the wage rate by such notification shall not be at a rate less than Rs. 60/- per day. The Central Government has, however, not fixed any wage rate under the Act so far. Section 6(2) of the Act, further provides that until such time a wage rate is fixed by the Central Government in respect of any area in a State, the minimum wages fixed by the State Government under Section 3 of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 for agricultural labour shall be considered as the wage rate applicable to that area.All State Governments are paying wages to the workers under the Act in accordance with the wages fixed by them in accordance with the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948. State Governments have, however, been asked to undertake comprehensive work, time and motion studies for evolving norms for measurement of work and schedule of rates for the purposes of the Act.